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FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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<i>Application Number</i>	09/701,090
<i>Filing Date</i>	February 27, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Steven A. McAlister
<i>Art Unit</i>	1723
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Charles E. Cooley
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	320038.401USPC

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
 - a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
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 - ii. Other _____
 - b. Enclosed
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 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____
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 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
 - b. Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
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 - i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
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Signature		Date	April 19, 2004

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)
1001	770	2001	385
1002	340	2002	170
1003	530	2003	265
1004	770	2004	385
1005	160	2005	80
SUBTOTAL (1)			(\$ 0)

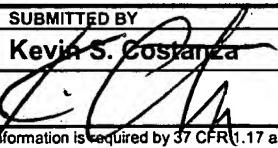
2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	16	-20** = 0	*	=
Independent Claims	2	-3** = 0	*	=
Multiple Dependent				=

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code
1202	18	2202 9
1201	86	2201 43
1203	290	2203 145
1204	86	2204 43
1205	18	2205 9
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$ 0)

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES				
Large Entity	Small Entity			
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification
1812	2520	1812	2520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1840*	1805	1840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month
1254	1480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2010	2255	1005	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing
1451	1510	1451	1510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
				Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
8021	40	8021	40	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application
Other fee (specify) _____				
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Filed : February 27, 2001
For : FLOW CONTROL VALVE FOR CONTINUOUS DISCHARGE
CENTRIFUGAL CONCENTRATORS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2003, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on April 17, 2004 (a Saturday). Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.